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What this session covers

- About Ancestry.com Texas.
- About the TSLAC collections on Ancestry.com.
- Accessing Ancestry.com Texas.

<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/arc/ancestry>



About Ancestry.com Texas

- Ancestry.com institutional partner.
- 13 collections, no more collections are being added.
- Free to Texas residents.
- Available to Ancestry.com subscribers and through Ancestry Library Edition.
- Access to digital copies helps preserve original materials.

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Ancestry.com Texas Collections

- Alabama, Texas and Virginia, Confederate Pensions, 1884-1958
- Texas, Prison Employee Ledgers, 1861-1938
- Texas, Muster Roll Index Cards, 1838-1900
- Texas, Wills and Probate Records, 1833-1974
- Texas, Convict and Conduct Registers, 1875-1945
- Court of Criminal Appeal Indexes, 1892-1947



Ancestry.com Texas Collections

- Texas, Capitol Building Payroll, 1882-1888
- Texas, Memorials and Petitions, 1834-1929
- Texas, Bonds and Oaths of Office, 1846–1920
- Texas, Index Card Collections, 1800-1900
- Texas, Voter Registration Lists, 1867-1869
- Nacogdoches, Texas, Spanish and Mexican Government Records, 1729-1836
- Texas, Land Title Abstracts, 1700-2008



Accessing Ancestry.com Texas

- For Texas residents to access the Ancestry.com Texas collections from home:
 - Go to: <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/arc/ancestry>
 - Review information about Ancestry.com Texas collections.
 - Review the FAQs.
 - Follow the step by step instructions at the bottom of the webpage.

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Accessing Ancestry.com Texas

- To Access from any Ancestry subscription:
 - Go to: [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) > Search > Card Catalog
 - Type the collection name under the “Title” search bar.
 - Example: “Texas, Memorials and Petitions, 1834-1929”.
 - Within the results list click on the collection title to enter the collection.



Accessing a Collection

Texas, Memorials and Petitions, 1834-1929

☐ Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s)

Last Name

Any Event

Day

Month

Year

Keyword

e.g. pilot or "Flying Tigers" ▼

Residence Date

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Month

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Related data collections

[Texas, Bonds and Oaths of Office, 1846-1920](#)

From country surveyors to county clerks, you'll find thousands of Texas



Citation Information

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Collection Information

About Texas, Memorials and Petitions, 1834-1929

This database contains petitions and similar correspondence made to the State of Texas. They include requests for action on civic matters and for aid. You might find documents addressing town incorporations, judicial district changes, appropriations, stock laws, liquor levies, requests for bridges, poor relief, divorce, permission for free blacks to settle in the state, and myriad other items.

These documents can provide names and dates and sometimes information about when people entered Texas, where they settled, military service, and other details.

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Searching a Collection

Two search options: Search by name/keyword or browse in order:

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From country surveyors to county



Searching By Name


Click “View Record” to see full information on a result

All Texas, Memorials and Petitions, 1834-1929 results for Jack Wilson

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Filter by

All Categories

- > Court, Land, Wills & Financial
- > Court, Governmental & Criminal

Results 1-2 of 2

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Name

Residence Date

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To get better results, add more information such as **Birth Info, Death Info and Location**—even a guess will help. [Edit your search](#) or [learn more](#)

[View Record](#)

J A Wilson



[View Record](#)

J O Wilson



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Browsing a Collection

Navigate using arrow buttons on either side

Some collections will include images of folders (see below)



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- ☐ Also print index and source data

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